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RESPONSE AFTER A FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on February 8, 2002 (the three month date for which has been extended by one month from May 8, 2002 to June 8, 2002 by the accompanying Transmittal And Petition To Extend), please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3 to 19 are now pending.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of this response.

With respect to paragraph three (3) of the Office Action, claims 1 to 15 and 17 to 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Togashi, U.S. Patent No. 5,772,470 ("the Togashi reference").

The Togashi reference purportedly concerns a *coaxial connector* connected to an outer conductor of a horizontally-extending coaxial cable and holds an insulator in surrounding relation thereto. (See Togashi, Abstract). In the Office Action, the text at lines 6 to 13 of column 5 of the Togashi reference was asserted against the rejected claims. That section, however, only indicates that the contact includes a central terminal portion for releasably fitting on a central terminal portion of a mating connector, and a central conductor clamp for horizontally clamping a central conductor of the coaxial cable. As indicated, this contact of

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